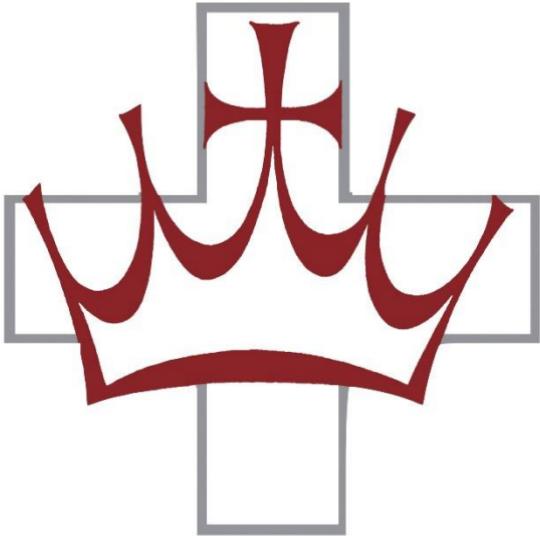
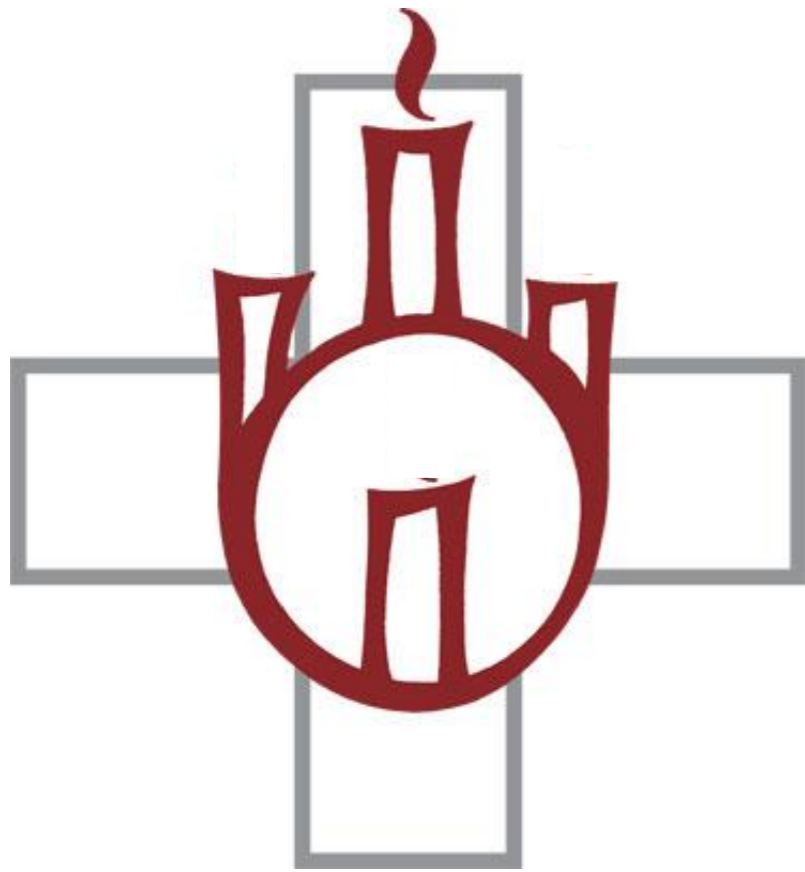




**WELCOME TO**  
**CHRIST**   
**OUR KING**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

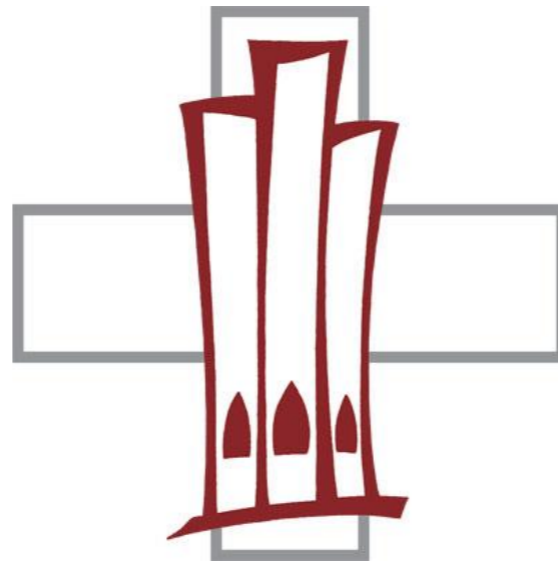


**DIVINE SERVICE,  
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**CAROLLING AT CHURCH:**  
**“O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!”**  
**- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, AT 7 P.M. -**



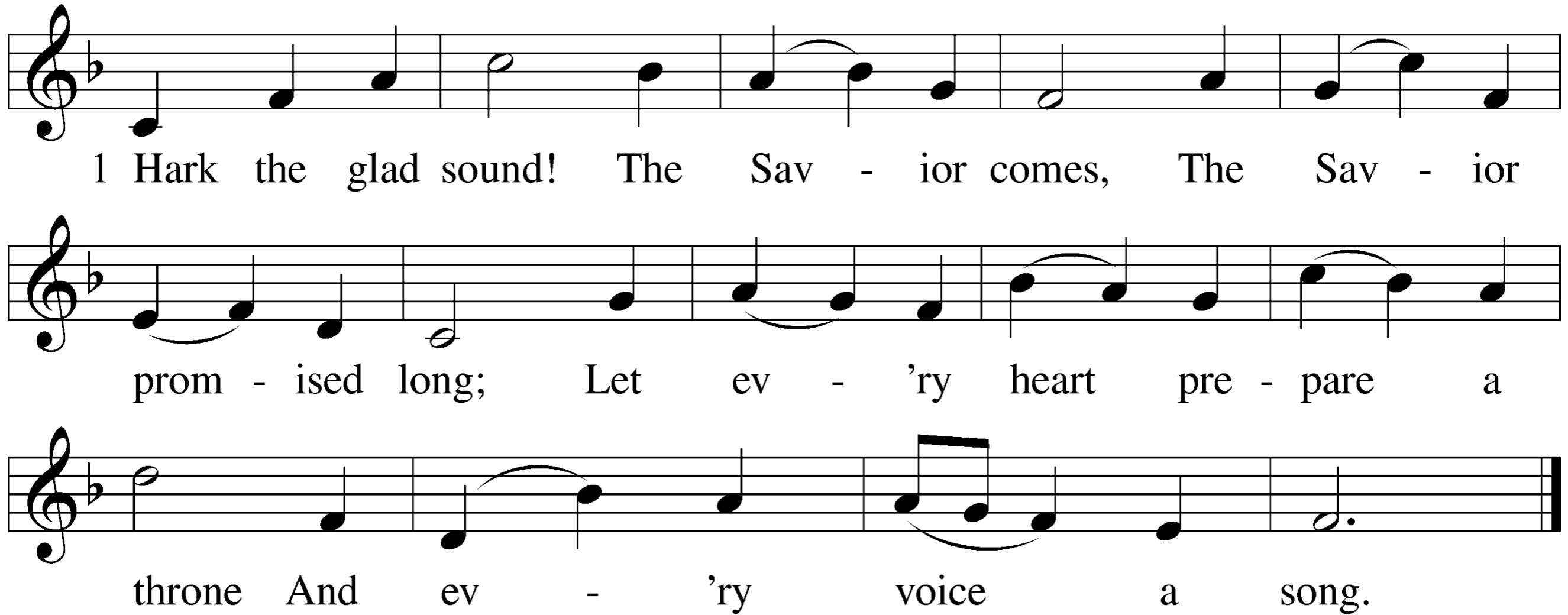
**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:**  
**“O COME AND SEE... COME AND SING!”**  
**- WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. -**



**HYMN #349**

**“Hark the Glad Sound”**

# 349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.

# 349 Hark the Glad Sound

2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's

bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him

burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.

# 349 Hark the Glad Sound

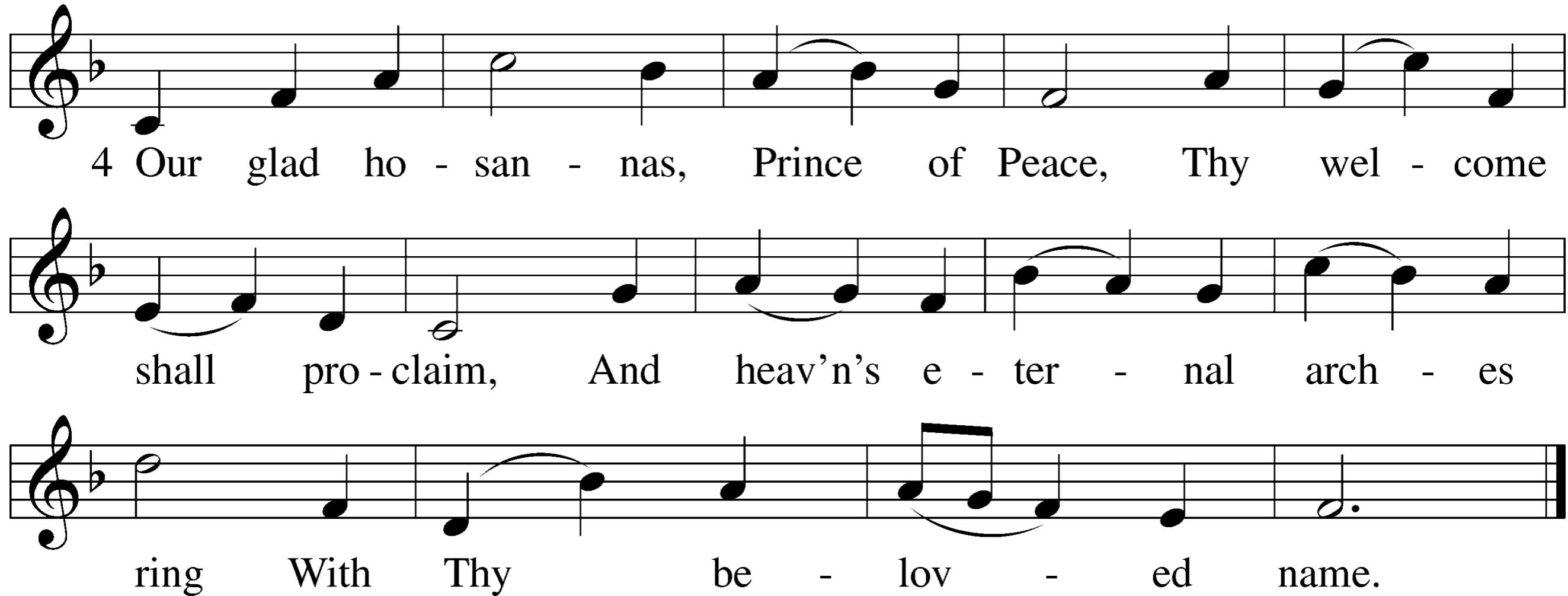
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing

soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His

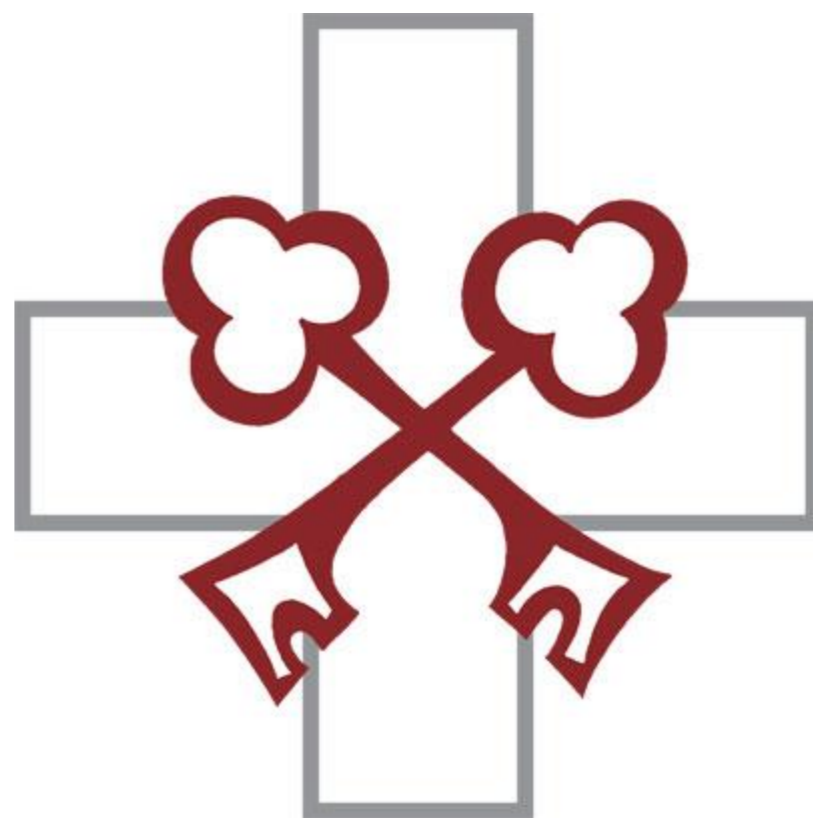
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: '3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing' on the first staff; 'soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His' on the second staff; and 'grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.' on the third staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

# 349 Hark the Glad Sound



4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.



# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,


**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



# **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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## Introit

**In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He is the Lord our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**



## Introit

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**



# *Kyrie Eleison*

LORD, HAVE MERCY



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen



**OLD TESTAMENT**

**Isaiah 11:1–10**

**There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,**

and faithfulness the belt of his loins.  
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

**In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



# Gradual

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.**

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

**Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless You.**



## **EPISTLE**

**Romans 15:4–13**

**Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.**

**For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his**

**for his mercy. As it is written,**

**“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”**

**And again it is said,**

**“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”**

**And again,**

**“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”**

**And again Isaiah says,**

**“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”**

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

***Stand***

# Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,**

**“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”**

**Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him**

**in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.**

**But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**

**I baptize you with water for repentance, but he**

**who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,

# Nicene Creed

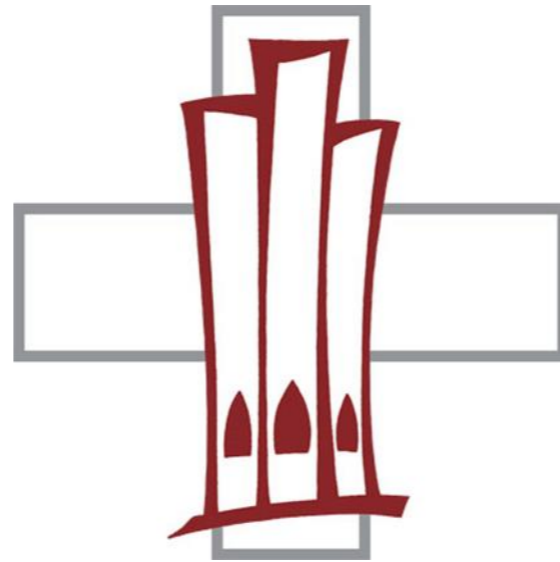
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

# Nicene Creed

And the third day He rose again according  
to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

# Nicene Creed

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.



## **HYMN OF THE DAY #344**

***“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”***

# 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff contains the first line of the melody, starting with a quarter note on G4 and ending with a quarter note on G4. The second staff continues the melody, starting with a quarter note on A4 and ending with a quarter note on G4. The third staff continues the melody, starting with a quarter note on F#4 and ending with a quarter note on G4. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first line of lyrics is '1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es'. The second line of lyrics is 'that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,'. The third line of lyrics is 'for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

# 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the

way for God with - in, And let us all our

hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a "2" indicating a second ending. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

# 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge

and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we

waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, starting with a '3' indicating a triplet. The second staff continues the melody with a slur over the first two notes. The third staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

# 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the

fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry

of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: '4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the' on the first staff, 'fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry' on the second staff, and 'of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.' on the third staff.

# 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a delta symbol and the number 5, indicating a 5/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent'. The second staff continues the melody with a slur over the first two notes and then quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther'. The third staff concludes the melody with quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent

sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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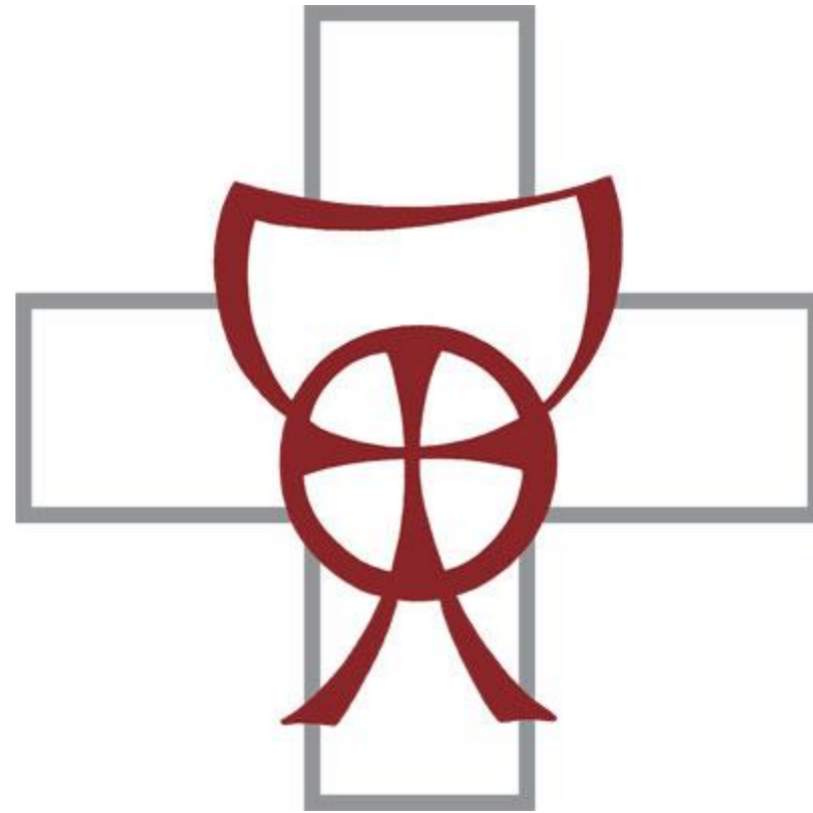
# PRAYER

## of the Church

**Response:** *“Lord, have mercy.”*



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# **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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# Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

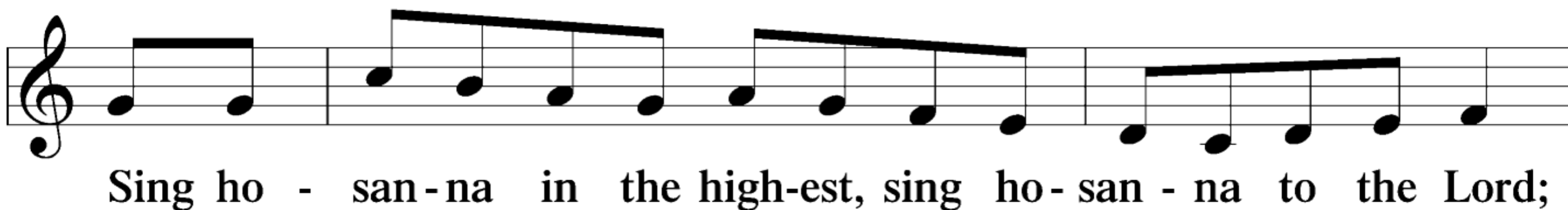
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation.

# Preface

Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus



# PRAYER of Thanksgiving



*Deo Gratias*

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THANKS BE TO GOD

# Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

# Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



# Agnus Dei

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

# Agnus Dei

2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;

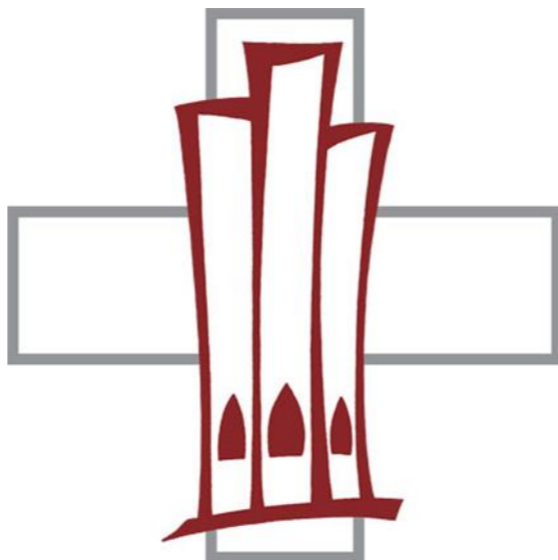
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

# HOLY COMMUNION

**Advent means “coming”.** Christ came in the flesh in Bethlehem, He comes now in Word and Sacrament, and He will come again in judgement. As we look forward to His final coming, we find joy and comfort in His present coming with His body and blood in His holy supper. For Scriptural reasons, we practice **closed communion**, and guests are, therefore, asked to speak with the pastor before communing. Those visitors who are not good-standing members of a Lutheran Church-Canada congregation, or any of her sister synods, are nevertheless welcome to come forward during the distribution and, with arms crossed, receive a blessing.

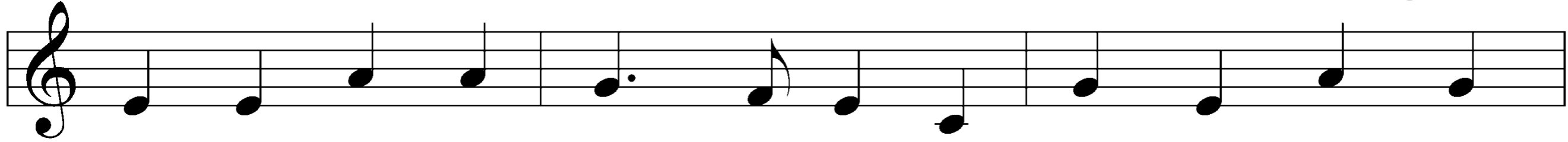
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## **COMMUNION HYMN #353**

***“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”***

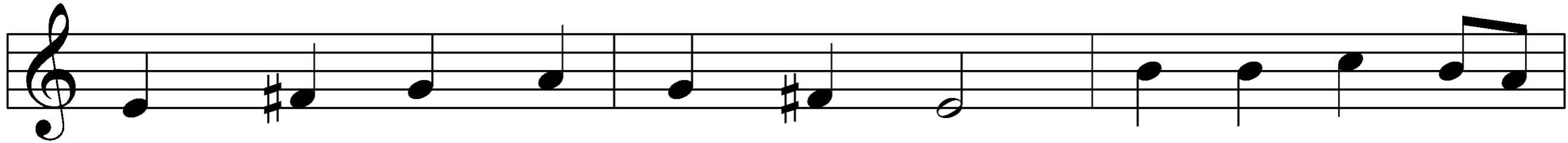
# 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,

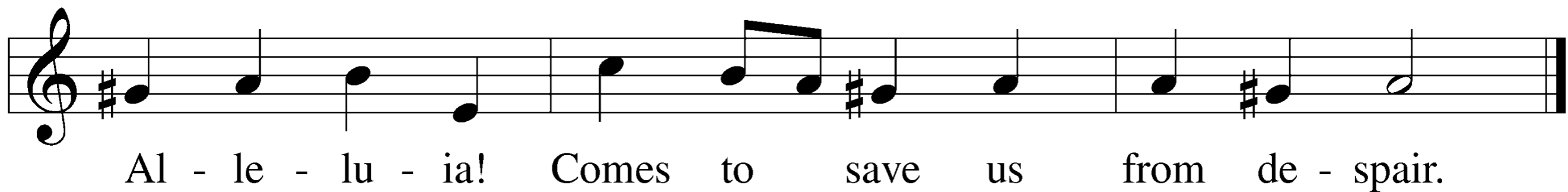
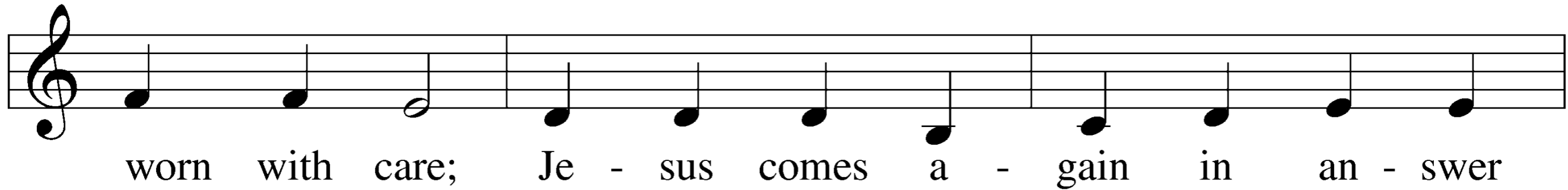
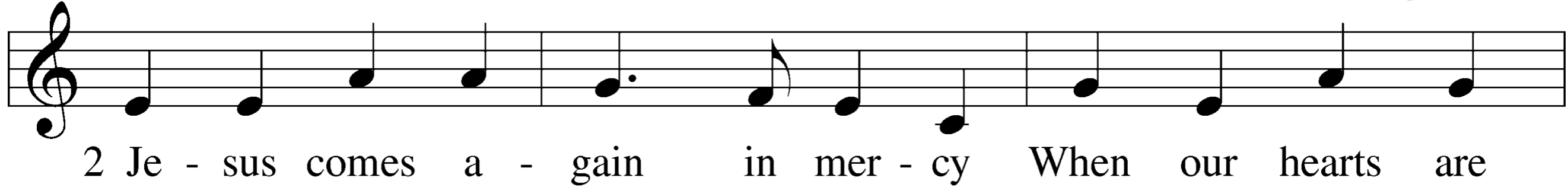


Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.

# 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



# 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of

sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,

Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. The third staff features a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#) and includes a double bar line. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a final double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below each staff.

# 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) appearing in the third and fourth staves. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below each staff.

# HOLY COMMUNION

# Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:

# Nunc Dimittis

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

# Nunc Dimittis

2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

# Nunc Dimittis

For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

*Collect*

**C** Amen.



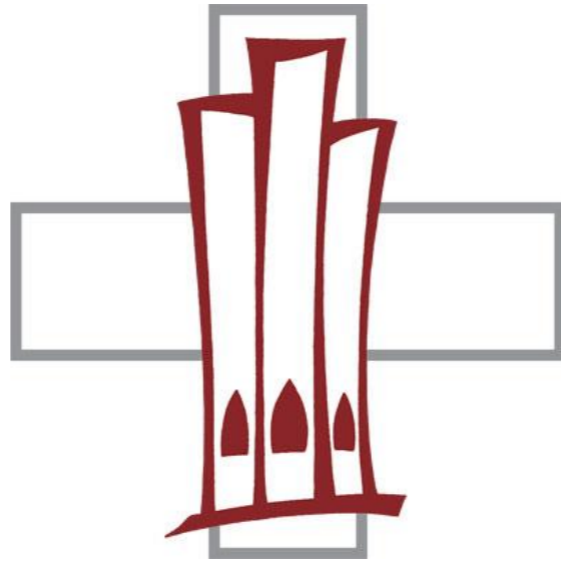
# BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
And be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
And ✠ give you peace.

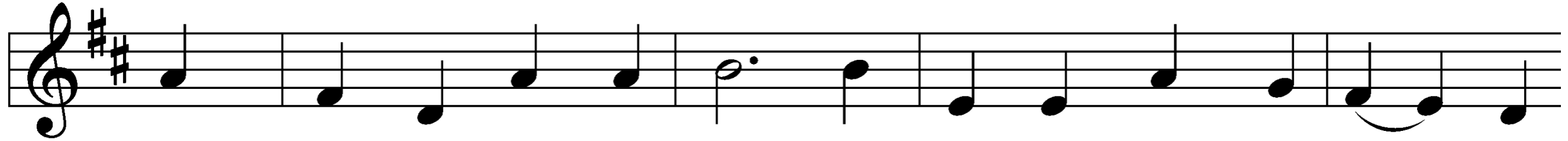
**C** Amen.



**HYMN #346**

***“When All the World Was Cursed”***

# 346 When All the World Was Cursed



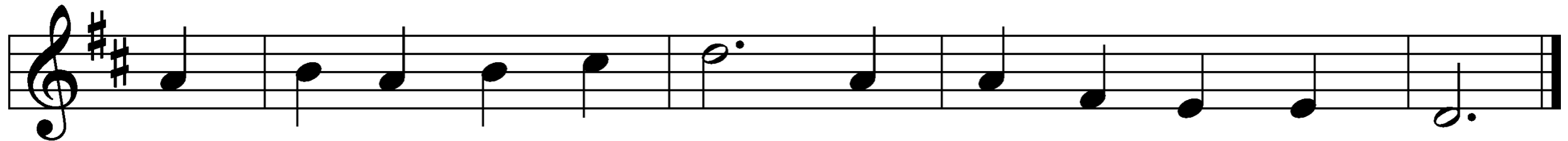
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.



With true fore - run - ner's zeal    The great - er One he named,



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.

# 346 When All the World Was Cursed

2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,

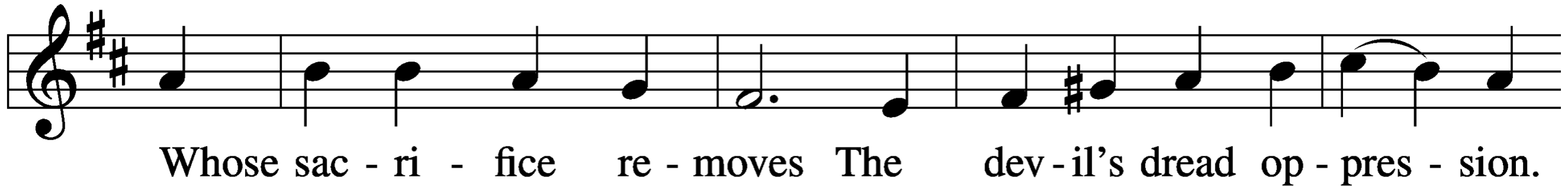
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.

By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,

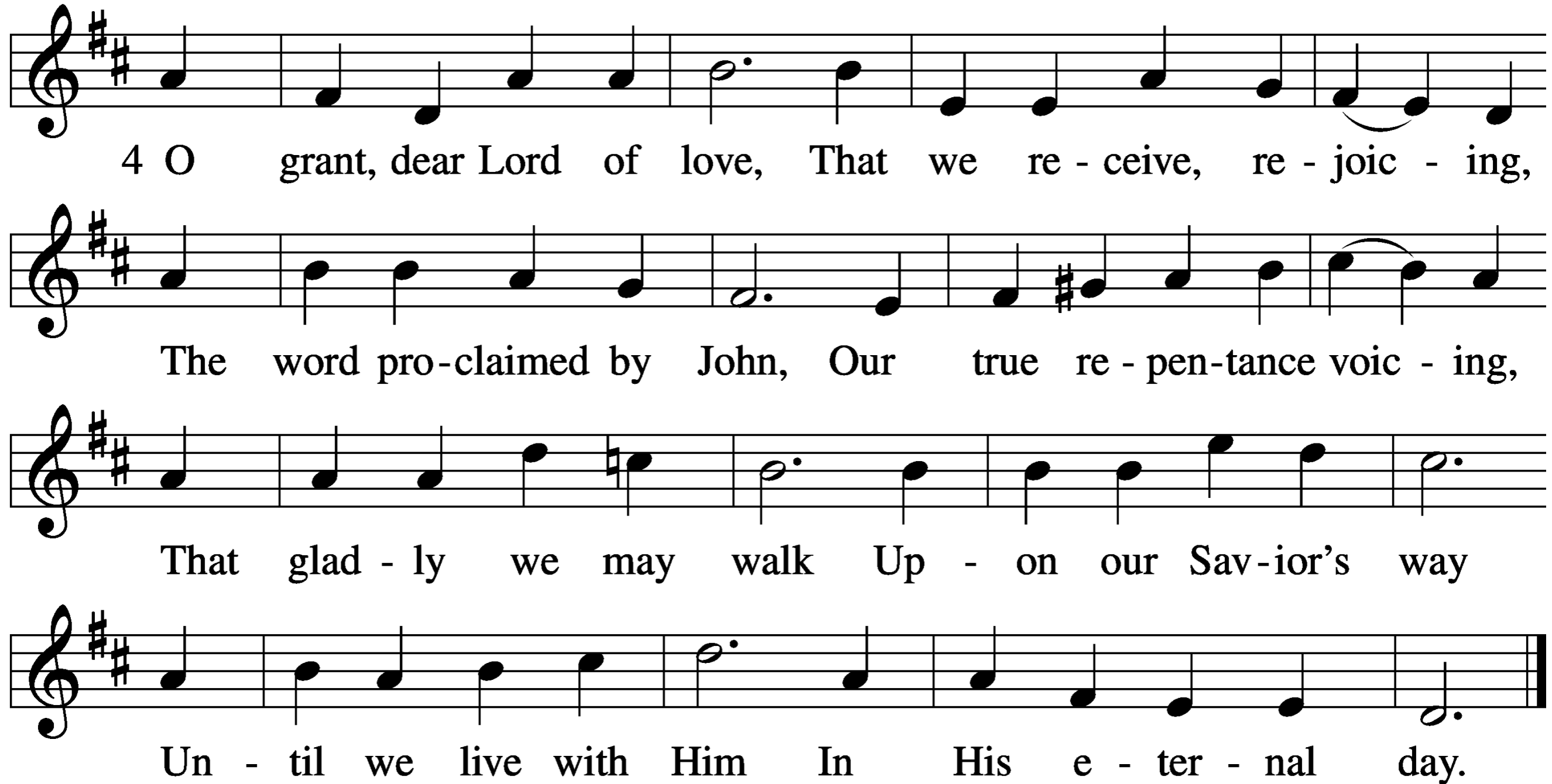
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '2' before the word 'Be'. The music is written in a simple, clear style with notes and rests. The lyrics are: '2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing, Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing. By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold, He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,  
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav-ior's way  
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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